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1. The following movements of persons working in connection with the Arab Rebellion have been reported by various sources since mid-December.

### Egypt-Palestine —to Egypt

Amil ~~SHURI~~ went to see the MEFTI in Egypt on 18 December. Other leaders are also going abroad for consultations, among them ~~YANNAK~~, Amin ~~AOUL~~, and Salah ~~HAZIR~~, representing the Jaffa National Committee.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 14(29); 21/12/47

Amil ~~SHURI~~ went to see the MEFTI again on 1 January.  
 Jewish Agency Arab Information No 1/48; 4/1/48

Muhammad ~~MIR~~ ~~HANARI~~ left for Egypt a fortnight ago and has not since returned. The MEFTI is not pleased with his activities and attitude, and may be trying to prevent his return to Palestine by offering him a post and field of activities elsewhere. It is learned from Arab sources that ~~HANARI~~ will not return to Palestine for the time being, but will work for the A.H.B. in the Lebanon. The report that he has left Palestine for good has not been confirmed.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 1/48

Muhammad ~~MIR~~ ~~HANARI~~, former commander of the NAJJADAH, has been sent to Libya and Tripoli by the A.H.B. on a special mission.

Jewish Agency Digest of Press and Events # 207; 25/1/48

A delegation, including the chairman of the local committee, ~~Abd-al-~~ ~~QUTAYBAH~~, left Tiraah village for Cairo for talks with the Arab Higher Executive, according to the Jaffa daily al-Bifa.

Jewish Agency Digest of Press and Events # 204; 4/1/48

Some of the nobles in the southern areas (e.g. ~~Abdallah~~ ~~YAHANNA~~ of Maadlyah and ~~Asad~~ ~~CAHIRI~~ of Yibna), who have hitherto succeeded in preventing outbreaks by irresponsible elements in their localities and in directing the energies of their men to preparations for the future on more organized lines, recently went to Egypt to see the MEFTI.

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Jewish Agency Arab Information No 1/48; 11 Jan. 1948

Sheikh Sabri (a) [unclear] mayor of Hebron, and his chief rival, [unclear], have been in Cairo for the last fortnight. The purpose of their visit is to [unclear]. The IPTI wants to reconcile them and settle affairs in Hebron so that the town can take a more active part in the disturbances (which JA'ARI has been trying to prevent). In the [unclear] place the [unclear] want to obtain arms. The question whether the arms are to be used for defense or attack will depend largely upon the outcome of the IPTI mediation between the two rivals.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 3/48; 18/1/48

JA'ARI, who recently went to Egypt to obtain arms, was unsuccessful. His failure was apparently due to the IPTI's machinations. The Egyptian authorities restricted his freedom of movement and would not even enable him to go to Libya or Tripolitania to get arms there. It is reported that the IPTI demanded that subject hand over to him the money he had collected from the inhabitants of Hebron on the ground that it was not his business to obtain arms. JA'ARI is generally disappointed with the attitude displayed by Egypt and the Arab countries in general.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 4/48; 25/1/48

A delegation consisting of Yusuf [unclear], [unclear], and Sheikh [unclear], representing the [unclear] National Committee (the strongest in Palestine) proceeded to Cairo for consultations with the Arab leaders.

25 January 1948

Dr. [unclear] has gone to the Lebanon for a few days to visit his family and take a rest. Before he went he was relieved of part of his responsibilities by Sheikh [unclear] and [unclear]. From the Lebanon he will proceed to Egypt for consultations with the IPTI.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 4/48; 25/1/48

—from Egypt

In some places the IPTI's agents did not find the inhabitants ready to under take whatever was required of them. For instance, the inhabitants of Hebron were reluctant to take part in the activities of the bandits and persisted in their attitude apparently with the mayor's support, until Sheikh Sabri [unclear] (a Hebronite agitator close to the IPTI) was specially brought over from Egypt to persuade them to the contrary.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 13(28) 47; 1/12/47

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Abdullah, who left for Syria with the intention of retaining a base there, stayed there for a short time. Extensive precautionary measures were taken to insure the safe return to Palestine of his son, Prince Faisal bin Abdulaziz. The A.H.J., with the help of the British Palestine Office, announced that the had returned to Palestine and would spend the night there, whereas they were in fact secretly conveyed by air from the Yafa air cover of dachas.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 1/48; 12/1/48

Palestine-Syria      --to Jordan

The officers of the Arab organization in Jerusalem and district, headed by Sirhan, who according to the A.H.J.'s plan were to have been the nucleus and core of the fighters, have spent about a month in Syria and the Lebanon. Their absence has caused considerable resentment locally. They have only just returned to Palestine, apparently in connection with the re-organization and the work has been taken to effect.

Jewish Agency Arab Information No 2/48; 12/1/48

Palestine-Syria      --to Syria

Abd Bay 'ABD-AL-BAY left for Damascus on 28 January to buy arms and ammunition and to discuss Arab affairs. He has been purchasing arms and ammunition in Iraq and Syria, and sending them to Palestine through Trans-Jordan.

□      29 January 1948

--from Syria

According to the Trans-Jordanian committee Dr. Fawzi al-Khazari and Sulayman al-Radi, the Soviet charge in Damascus, have recently visited Palestine. He allegedly made the trip to study the Palestine situation and strengthen Palestinian committees by bringing them funds with which to oppose Britain, the United States, and all economic capitalization in the Middle East.

□      1 January 1948

Trans-Jordan-Syria      --to Syria-Jordan

Dr. Fawzi al-Khazari reportedly reached Amman on 29 January to discuss the Palestine problem with leaders there. He is said to have conferred with the Trans-Jordanian Prime Minister, Tawfiq Pasha al-Rida. Dr. al-Khazari is said to have left Amman the same evening.

□      29 January 1948

--to Syria

Three members of the Trans-Jordanian Committee for the Defense of Palestine have returned from Syria where they had gone

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